

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are presently pending in the application. Claims 6-14 were cancelled by prior amendment. Independent claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and claim the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the first electrode is formed as a unitary and continuous layer, and the second electrode is a unitary and continuous layer substantially coextensive with the first electrode. Support for this amendment is found at least in original Fig. 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that: (1) no new matter has been added to the application by the amendment; (2) the amendment resolves all issues raised by the Examiner in the final Office Action of October 22, 2007; (3) the subject matter of the amendment already has been included in the Examiner's search and therefore does not require the Examiner to perform a new search; (4) the amendment places the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal; and (5) the amendment does not result in a net addition of claims to the application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final Rejection be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §116 and M.P.E.P. 714.13.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102 – claims 1-4

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0031379 (Tera *et al.*, hereinafter “Tera”). Applicants respectfully traverse rejections of claims 1-4.

Tera discloses various embodiments of an organic light emitting device containing a substrate (1 in Figs. 1, 6, 14, 16, and 17); a first electrode (an anode 2 in Figs. 1, 6, 14, 16, and 17); a second electrode (a cathode 5 in Figs. 1, 6, and 14) (not illustrated in Figs. 16 and 17); a hole transporting layer (3); an organic luminescent layer (4); a protective layer (6); and resin film (7), see Fig. 2. Tera is directed to a dot matrix display (page 2, paragraph [0032]), wherein the cathode 5 and the anode 2 are formed as a series of discrete elements using a mask (page 2, paragraph [0031] and Fig. 2).

Independent claim 1 is directed to an organic electroluminescent device, and, as amended recites, *inter alia*:

...
electrodes including a first electrode formed on the substrate, and a second electrode disposed to be spaced from the first electrode, wherein the first electrode is formed as a unitary and continuous layer, and the second electrode is a unitary and continuous layer substantially coextensive with the first electrode;... . (Emphasis added.)

Tera fails to disclose at least the feature recited in claim 1, as amended, of first and second electrodes, each of which is formed as a unitary and continuous layer. Tera further fails to disclose the feature recited in claims 1, as amended, of a second electrode being substantially coextensive with a first electrode. Consequently, Tera fails to disclose each and every element of claim 1, as amended, and thus each and every element of claims 2-4 depending from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 103 –claim 5

The Examiner has rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tera in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,739,635 (Wakimoto). Applicants respectfully traverse rejection of claim 5.

Assuming *arguendo* that Wakimoto is properly combinable with Tera, claim 5 is allowable in view of its dependency upon allowable claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-5, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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